

ORDER TO  
SHOW CAUSE  
ACT/047/010

DIVISION OF OIL, GAS  
AND MINING,  
DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL  
RESOURCES, IN AND  
FOR THE STATE OF  
UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF  
TENTATIVE AP-  
PROVAL OF THE MIN-  
ING AND RECLAMA-  
TION PLAN SUBMIT-  
TED BY AMERICAN  
GILSONITE COM-  
PANY, UINTAH COUN-  
TY, UTAH

THE STATE OF  
UTAH TO ALL  
OPERATORS, TAKERS  
OF PRODUCTION,  
MINERAL AND  
ROYALTY OWNERS,  
AND PARTICULARLY  
ALL PERSONS IN-  
TERESTED IN:

T8S, R17E, Section 32  
T9S, R17E, Sections 5,4  
T2S, R2E, Sections  
18,19,20

T8S, R24E, Section 32  
T9S, R23E, Sections 1,  
10,12,15,25

T9S, R24E, Sections  
1,2,3,7,12,15,16,17,22,23,  
24,25,26,27,28,29,30,32,  
33,34,35,36

T9S, R25E, Sections 7,  
8,15,16,17,21,22,23,29,  
30,31,32,33

T10S, R22E, Section 24  
T10S, R23E, Sections  
28,30,32,34

T10S, R24E, Sections  
1,2,3

T10S, R25E, Section 6  
T11S, R23E, Sections  
1,2,12

T11S, R24E, Sections  
4,5,6,7,8,9,14,15,16,17,20,  
22,23,24,25,26,30,32

T11S, R25E, Sections  
20,21,30,32

T12S, R24E, Section 4  
T12S, R25E, Sections  
4,5,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,24

UINAH AND  
DUCESNE COUNTY,  
UTAH

Notice is hereby given  
that tentative approval  
was given by the Divi-  
sion of Oil, Gas and Min-  
ing, on January 18, 1985  
to American Gilsonite  
Company to commence  
underground mining and  
milling operations in the  
above described sec-  
tions, Uintah and  
Duchesne County, Utah.

The names of the min-  
ing operation is the  
Bonanza Mining Opera-  
tions and the person  
representing the com-  
pany is Mr. Leroy Fyock,  
Bonanza, Utah 84008.

American Gilsonite  
Company has fulfilled  
obligations under the  
Utah Mined Land  
Reclamation Act of 1975  
(Section 40-8, UCA 1953  
as amended) with  
specific reference to Sec-  
tion 40-8-18 and will  
employ the following  
mining and reclamation  
techniques on approx-  
imately 102 acres of  
federal leases and fee-  
owned land.

During Operations:

1. American Gilsonite  
operates approximately  
30 one-acre mine sites on  
their properties.  
Facilities at each mine  
site include a headframe,  
hoist house, compressor,  
and storage areas. Mine

and recontoured. Slopes  
will not exceed 2H:1V.

3. Soils will be analyz-  
ed at the time of  
reclamation to deter-  
mine their suitability for  
supporting vegetation.  
Soil amendments will be  
made based on results of  
this analysis.

4. Mulch may be used,  
depending on the results  
of the test plots. Seeding  
may be done by broad-  
cast or drilling methods.

5. All ponds will be  
reclaimed as above and  
left non-impounding.

The Division of Oil,  
Gas and Mining plans to  
approve the permit with  
the following  
stipulations:

Stipulation  
M-10(14)-1-TLP

Neither topsoil  
redistribution nor  
preparation of insitu  
substitute materials  
shall be done prior to one  
month before actual  
seeding. The operator  
shall refrain from any  
manipulation of the  
above materials when  
said materials are at  
moisture levels which in-  
crease the likelihood of  
damage due to  
compaction.

Stipulation  
M-10(14)-2-TLP

A survey shall be con-  
ducted to determine the  
average thickness and  
volume of insitu  
(substitute) material  
available at each in-  
dividual mine site.  
Results shall be recorded  
on the individual mine  
site inventories in Appen-  
dix 1. Results and up-  
dated inventory sheets  
shall be provided to the  
Division by October 1,  
1985.

Stipulation  
M-10(14)-3-TLP

Should American  
Gilsonite elect to exploit  
a borrow area for the  
purpose of obtaining  
material for fire control  
a complete soils and  
vegetation plan shall be  
provided for such a revi-  
sion. This plan shall be  
submitted for review at  
least sixty (60) days  
prior to intended use.

Any person or agency  
aggrieved by this ten-  
tative decision is hereby  
requested to submit writ-  
ten protest within thirty  
(30) days of the date of  
publication to the Divi-  
sion of Oil, Gas and Min-  
ing, 355 W. North Tem-  
ple, 3 Triad Center, Suite  
350, Salt Lake City, Utah  
84180-1203, setting forth  
factual reasons for his or  
her complaint, and  
thereafter, at a time and  
place to be established,  
appear before the Board  
of Oil, Gas and Mining to  
show cause, if any, why  
this mine plan should not  
be approved.

DATED this 21st day  
of January, 1985.

STATE OF UTAH  
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS  
AND MINING

MARJORIE L. LARSON  
Administrative Assistant

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## PROOF OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF UTAH,  
County of Uintah

ss.

I, Nancy Colton,

being duly sworn, depose and say, that I  
am the Business Manager of The Vernal  
Express, a semi-weekly newspaper of  
general circulation, published twice each  
week at Vernal, Utah, that the notice at-  
tached hereto was published in said  
newspaper

for one publications,

the first publication having been made on

the 23rd day of January, 1985

and the last on the 23rd day of

January, 1985, that said notice

was published in the regular and entire  
issue of every number of the paper during  
the period and times of publication, and  
the same was published in the newspaper  
proper and not in a supplement.

By Nancy Colton  
Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

this 23rd day of January

A. D. 1985

Jack R. Walker  
Notary Public, Residence, Vernal, Utah

My Commission expires June 16, 1985



owned land.

During Operations:

1. American Gilsonite operates approximately 30 one-acre mine sites on their properties. Facilities at each mine site include a headframe, hoist house, compressor, and storage areas. Mine sites are fenced. The life of each individual mine site varies between 5 and 10 years depending on the type of ore and market conditions.

2. Gilsonite ore is processed and blended in facilities at Bonanza. The ore is trucked to and from the processing plant.

3. Sediment ponds are constructed on sites where water is produced in the mine. American Gilsonite Company has an NPDES discharge permit to discharge this water into natural drainages after proper settling and gravel filtration occurs.

4. Topsoil has been salvaged on recently disturbed mine sites, and is protected. American Gilsonite Company has implemented a series of test plots to determine how best to reclaim areas of previous disturbance, some of which have gilsonite fines mixed into the soil.

Following operations:

1. Reclamation will begin within 6 months of abandonment of individual mine sites, during the fall of the year.

2. Sites will be ripped

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